

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 8 as shown below, in which deletions are notated by strikethrough, and insertions are notated by underscoring. Please add new claim 22. This listing of the claims will replace all versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously presented) An antistatic structure of a fuel pipe, comprising:
the fuel pipe to be charged in contact with a fuel, the fuel pipe being supported on a vehicle body in an electrically independent manner;
a second pipe connected electrically to the vehicle body; and
a conductive clamp electrically connecting the fuel pipe with the second pipe;
the conductive clamp being a unitary member which is flexible and formed of electrically conductive resin,
the conductive clamp being supported by the fuel pipe and the second pipe in such a manner that the conductive clamp is separate and spaced apart from the vehicle body.
2. (Previously presented) The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 1, wherein the conductive clamp couples portions of the fuel pipe and the second pipe that are disposed close to each other in parallel.
3. (Previously presented) The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 1, wherein the second pipe is a brake pipe, and the brake pipe is electrically connected to the vehicle body through a bracket for supporting a connecting portion to a brake hose.

4. (Original) The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 1, wherein the conductive clamp is constituted by a synthetic resin including carbon black.
5. (Previously Amended) The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 1, wherein the fuel pipe extends between a fuel tank and an engine of the vehicle.
6. (Previously presented) The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 5, wherein the fuel pipe is one of a fuel feed pipe and a fuel return pipe.
7. Canceled.
8. (Currently amended) An antistatic structure of a vehicular fuel pipe, comprising:
the fuel pipe which is supported on a vehicle body in an electrically independent manner;
a second pipe fixed to a the vehicle body in an electrically conductive manner; and
a conductive clamp electrically coupling adjacent portions of the fuel pipe and the second pipe;
the conductive clamp being a unitary member which is flexible and formed of electrically conductive resin,
the conductive clamp being separate and spaced apart from the vehicle body.
9. (Previously presented) The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 8, wherein said adjacent portions of the fuel pipe and the second pipe are disposed close to each other in parallel.

10. (Previously presented) The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 8, wherein the second pipe is a brake pipe, and the brake pipe is electrically connected to the vehicle body through a bracket for supporting a connecting portion of the brake pipe to a brake hose.

11. Canceled.

12. (Previously presented) The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 8, wherein the fuel pipe is one of a fuel feed pipe and a fuel return pipe, and extends between a fuel tank and an engine of the vehicle.

13. Canceled.

14. (Previously presented) The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 1, wherein the conductive clamp includes electrically conductive elastic attachment portions in engagement with the fuel pipe and the second pipe.

15. (Previously presented) The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 8, wherein the conductive clamp electrically connects the second pipe to a plurality of fuel pipes.

16. (Previously presented) The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 8, wherein the conductive clamp includes electrically conductive elastic attachment portions in engagement with the fuel pipe and the second pipe.

17. (Previously presented) The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 1, wherein the conductive clamp electrically connects the second pipe to a plurality of fuel pipes.

18. (Previously presented) An antistatic apparatus for use with a fuel pipe, comprising: the fuel pipe to be charged in contact with a fuel, the fuel pipe being supported on a vehicle body in an electrically insulating manner;

a second pipe, the second pipe supported on the vehicle body in an electrically conducting manner; and,

a conductive clamp electrically connecting the fuel pipe with the second pipe;

the conductive clamp comprising a monolithic member which is generally s-shaped such that a first end of the conductive clamp has a first curved portion opening in a first direction, that a second end of the conductive clamp has a second curved portion opening in a second direction, wherein the first direction and the second direction are opposed,

the fuel pipe being secured within the first curved portion, and the second pipe being secured within the second curved portion.

19. (Previously presented) The antistatic apparatus for use with a fuel pipe of claim 18 wherein the clamp is adapted to conduct a charge from the fuel pipe to the second pipe, and wherein the charge is discharged from the second pipe at a location which is remote from the conductive clamp.

20. (Previously presented) The antistatic apparatus for use with a fuel pipe of claim 19 wherein the second pipe is a brake pipe, and the brake pipe is electrically connected to the

vehicle body through a bracket for supporting a connecting portion of the brake pipe to a brake hose, the bracket located within the vehicle at a position distant and separated from the conductive clamp, and wherein the charge is discharged from the second pipe to the vehicle body through the bracket.

21. (Previously presented) The antistatic apparatus for use with a fuel pipe of claim 18

wherein the fuel pipe comprises a fuel feed pipe and a fuel return pipe, and wherein

the second end of the conductive clamp comprises a third curved portion opening in the second direction, the third curved portion being disposed between the first curved portion and the second curved portion,

the fuel feed pipe being secured within the first curved portion, and the fuel return pipe being secured within the third curved portion.

22. (New). An antistatic structure of a fuel pipe, comprising:

the fuel pipe to be charged in contact with a fuel, the fuel pipe being supported on a vehicle body in an electrically independent manner;

a second pipe connected electrically to the vehicle body; and

a conductive clamp electrically connecting the fuel pipe with the second pipe;

the conductive clamp being a unitary member which is flexible and formed of electrically conductive resin,

the conductive clamp being supported by the fuel pipe and the second pipe in such a manner that the entire conductive clamp is separate from and not in contact with the vehicle body allowing electrical charge to discharge at a location distant from the nonconductive clamp.